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Small Black Bear Cub Struck in East Granby

On Monday, September 27, 2004 at 9:00 am the East Granby Resident State Troopers Office was contacted by a motorist who reported striking a small black bear cub while traveling on Holcomb Road in the town of East Granby, Ct.

Upon arrival, the Resident State Trooper located the small (60 lbs) black bear which was deceased. The motorist struck one of two cubs as they crossed the roadway along with mother bear. The motorist was uninjured and obtained only minor damage to his vehicle.

CSP contacted the Department of Environmental Protection who immediately dispatched a Conservation Officer to the scene. Troopers noticed the mother bear and a second cub walking the tree line and portions of Holcomb Road in search of her missing cub. The bear was scared off back into the heavy wooded area by the Troopers on scene.

The East Granby Resident State Trooper has gone door-to-door notifying residents in the area that a black bear is searching for her missing cub. Bears can be extremely aggressive while searching for their missing cubs. This time of the year black bears are extremely active as the forage for food in order to fatten up before their winter hibernation. A flyer was left for those who were not spoken to directly by the resident State Trooper.

Operator: Leslie Luginbuhl (male)   2000 Chevy Pickup
          Windermere Avenue
          Ellington, Ct

If this bear is spotted do NOT approach the bear! Immediately contacted the Resident State Troopers Office at 860-653-5385 or DEP 24 hours 424-3333.

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